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In the matter of Application Serial No. 85/364,172 YUM! Y'ALL (standard characters)

RED ROBIN INTERNATIONAL, INC.,	)	
	)	
Opposer,	)	
	)	<b>Opposition No.: 91,202,422</b>
<b>v.</b>	)	
	)	
GAYLORD ENTERTAINMENT		
COMPANY	)	
	)	
Applicant.	)	
	)	

#### **ANSWER TO NOTICE OF OPPOSITION**

Applicant Gaylord Entertainment Company ("Applicant"), by and through its attorneys, Waller Lansden Dortch & Davis LLP, hereby answers the Notice of Opposition filed by Red Robin International, Inc. ("Opposer") as follows:

- 1. Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 1</u> of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 2. Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 2</u> of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 3. Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to admit or deny the Opposer's alleged ownership of and the status of the registration cited in <u>Paragraph 3</u> of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies the same.

- 4. Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 4</u> of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 5. Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 5</u> of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 6. Applicant denies the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 6</u> of the Notice of Opposition.
- 7. Applicant admits the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 7</u> of the Notice of Opposition.
- 8. Applicant is without knowledge or information sufficient to form a belief as to the truth of the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 8</u> of the Notice of Opposition and, therefore, denies the same.
- 9. Applicant denies the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 9</u> of the Notice of Opposition.
- 10. Applicant denies the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 10</u> of the Notice of Opposition.
- 11. Applicant denies the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 11</u> of the Notice of Opposition.
- 12. Applicant denies the allegations contained in <u>Paragraph 12</u> of the Notice of Opposition.
- 13. Any allegations of Opposer's Notice of Opposition are denied unless explicitly admitted.

**Affirmative Defenses** 

In further answer to the Notice of Opposition, Applicant asserts each of the following,

without admitting or conceding that it bears the burden of proof or burden of persuasion with

respect thereto, whether in whole or in part:

1. Opposer fails, in whole or in part, to state a claim upon which relief can be granted.

2. There is no likelihood of confusion because Applicant's mark and Opposer's

marks are not confusingly similar.

3. The term "YUM" is included in numerous third party marks on the Register and

in the marketplace related to restaurant services, as evidenced by the following active trademark

registrations of record attached at Exhibit A. These marks have co-existed on the Register with

Opposer's Mark, without any confusion.

4. There have been no instances of actual confusion between Applicant's and

Opposer's marks.

WHEREFORE, Applicant respectfully requests that the Notice of Opposition be dismissed

in its entirety with prejudice and that Application Serial No. 85/364,172 for the mark YUM Y'ALL

in International Class 43 proceed to registration.

This 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

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#### **Certificate of Electronic Filing**

I hereby certify a copy of this Answer to Notice of Opposition is being deposited with the United States Trademark Trial and Appeal Board via electronic submission this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

Attorney for Applicant

#### **Certificate of Service**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of this Answer to Notice of Opposition has been sent via U.S. Mail postage-prepaid to counsel of record Kevin S. Costanza, SEED IP Law Group, PLLC, 701 Fifth Avenue, Suite 5400, Seattle, Washington 98104 and via e-mail at <a href="mailto:kevinc@seedip.com">kevinc@seedip.com</a> and <a href="mailto:litcal@seedip.com">litcal@seedip.com</a> this 13<sup>th</sup> day of December, 2011.

Attorney for Applicant

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Reg. No. 3,753,799 YUM YUM DONUT SHOPS, INC. (CALIFORNIA CORPORATION)
Registered Mar. 2, 2010 18830 E. SAN JOSE AVENUE
CITY OF INDUSTRY, CA 917481325

Int. Cls.: 30 and 43 for: coffee, cappuccino, iced cappuccino, tea, hot chocolate, pastries, donuts, muffins, bagels, croissants, in class 30 (u.s. cl. 46).

TRADEMARK FIRST USE 4-0-1995; IN COMMERCE 4-0-1995. SERVICE MARK

PRINCIPAL REGISTER FOR: RESTAURANT, DONUT SHOP AND COFFEE SHOP SERVICES, IN CLASS 43 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101).

FIRST USE 4-0-1995; IN COMMERCE 4-0-1995.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF THE WORDS "YUM YUM" WITH THE DESIGN OF A HAPPY FACE APPEARING BETWEEN THE TWO WORDS.

SER. NO. 77-649,080, FILED 1-14-2009.

AMEEN IMAM, EXAMINING ATTORNEY



David J. Kyps

Director of the United States Patent and Trademark Office



Prior U.S. Cls.: 100 and 101

United States Patent and Trademark Office Registered Aug. 4, 2009

## SERVICE MARK

PRINCIPAL REGISTER

### YUM CHA CAFE

YUM CHA CAFE (MPK) INC. (CALIFORNIA CORPORATION) 566 MONTEREY PASS ROAD MONTEREY PARK, CA 91754

FOR: CAFE-RESTAURANTS, IN CLASS 43 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101).

FIRST USE 1-1-2009; IN COMMERCE 1-1-2009.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "CAFE", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

THE ENGLISH TRANSLATION OF "YUM CHA" IS "DRINKING TEA WITH FRIENDS".

SN 77-394,265, FILED 2-11-2008.

KAPIL BHANOT, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100 and 101

Reg. No. 3,246,663

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Registered May 29, 2007

#### SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER

## YUM'S SUBS

YUM'S, INC. (TENNESSEE CORPORATION) 4571 ELVIS PRESLEY BLVD. MEMPHIS, TN 38116

FOR: EAT IN AND CARRYOUT RESTAURANTS SERVING SANDWICHES AND BURGERS, AND EXCLUDING CHINESE RESTAURANT SERVICES, IN CLASS 43 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101).

FIRST USE 4-0-1996; IN COMMERCE 4-0-1996.

THE MARK CONSISTS OF STANDARD CHARACTERS WITHOUT CLAIM TO ANY PARTICULAR FONT, STYLE, SIZE, OR COLOR.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "SUBS", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

THE NAME IN THE MARK DOES NOT IDENTIFY A LIVING INDIVIDUAL.

SER. NO. 78-787,721, FILED 1-9-2006.

JASON TURNER, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101 and 102

#### United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 3,192,988 Registered Jan. 2, 2007

#### SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER



YUM! BRANDS, INC. (NORTH CAROLINA COR-PORATION) 1441 GARDINER LANE LOUISVILLE, KY 40213 THE COLOR(S) RED & WHITE IS/ARE CLAIMED AS A FEATURE OF THE MARK.

THE COLOR RED APPEARS IN THE BALLOON

OR CALLOUT SHAPE, AND THE COLOR WHITE

FOR: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CONSULTATION FOR RESTAURANTS AND FRANCHISE SERVICES, NAMELY, OFFERING ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF RESTAURANTS, IN CLASS 35 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

SER. NO. 78-808,170, FILED 2-6-2006.

APPEARS IN YUM!.

FIRST USE 10-1-1997; IN COMMERCE 10-1-1997.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NOS. 2,300,491, 2,772,281 AND OTHERS.

ESTHER BELENKER, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100 and 101

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 2,905,792 Registered Nov. 30, 2004

#### SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER



YUM'S CARRYOUT, INC. (TENNESSEE CORPORATION)
2451 JACKSON AVE.
MEMPHIS, TN 38108

FOR: RESTAURANT SERVICES, IN CLASS 43 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101).

FIRST USE 3-8-1995; IN COMMERCE 3-8-1995.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE SUBS WORLD FAMOUS STEAKCHEESE & CHEESEBURGER, APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SER. NO. 76-525,337, FILED 6-17-2003.

GINA HAYES, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100 and 101

#### United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 2,897,736

Registered Oct. 26, 2004

#### SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER



YUM YUM ASIA CAFE, INC. (FLORIDA COR-PORATION) 851 SOUTH STATE ROAD 434 SUITE 1120 ALTAMONTE SPRINGS, FL 32714

FOR: RESTAURANT SERVICES SPECIALIZING IN ASIAN CUISINE, COCKTAIL LOUNGE SERVICES AND CATERING SERVICES, IN CLASS 43 (U.S. CLS. 100 AND 101).

FIRST USE 10-30-2003; IN COMMERCE 10-30-2003.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "ASIA CAFE", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SN 76-431,760, FILED 7-15-2002.

GEORGE LORENZO, EXAMINING ATTORNEY

Prior U.S. Cls.: 100, 101, and 102

United States Patent and Trademark Office

Reg. No. 2,772,281 Registered Oct. 7, 2003

## **SERVICE MARK**

#### **YUM! BRANDS**

PRINCIPAL REGISTER

YUM! BRANDS, INC. (NORTH CAROLINA COR-PORATION) 1441 GARDNER LANE LOUISVILLE, KY 40213 BY CHANGE OF NAME TRICON GLOBAL RESTAURANTS, INC. (NORTH CAROLINA CORPORATION) LOUIS-VILLE, KY 40213

FOR: BUSINESS MANAGEMENT AND CONSUL-TATION FOR RESTAURANTS AND FRANCHISE SERVICES, NAMELY, OFFERING ASSISTANCE IN THE ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF RES-TAURANTS, IN CLASS 35 (U.S. CLS. 100, 101 AND 102).

FIRST USE 5-16-2002; IN COMMERCE 5-16-2002.

OWNER OF U.S. REG. NOS. 2,300,491, 2,300,492, AND 2,302,581.

NO CLAIM IS MADE TO THE EXCLUSIVE RIGHT TO USE "BRANDS", APART FROM THE MARK AS SHOWN.

SN 76-315,108, FILED 9-20-2001.

VIVIAN MICZNIK FIRST, EXAMINING ATTOR-NEY

Prior U.S. Cl.: 100

## United States Patent and Trademark Office Reg. No. 1,878,981 Registered Feb. 14, 1995

#### SERVICE MARK PRINCIPAL REGISTER



ERIK'S DELICAFE, INC. (CALIFORNIA COR-PORATION) 365 CORAL STREET SANTA CRUZ, CA 95060

FOR: RESTAURANT SERVICES, IN CLASS 42 (U.S. CL. 100).

FIRST USE 2-0-1993, FIRST USED IN AN-OTHER FORM IN 1973; IN COMMERCE 2-0-1993, FIRST USED IN COMMERCE IN ANOTHR FORM IN 1973. THE STIPPLING ON THE DRAWING IS FOR SHADING PURPOSES ONLY.

THE MARK IS A FANCIFUL REPRESENTA-TION OF "ERIK R. JOHNSON", FOUNDER, CHAIRMAN, AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFI-CER OF APPLICANT.

SER. NO. 74-467,053, FILED 12-6-1993.

R. G. COLE, EXAMINING ATTORNEY